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SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE ON EXIMBANK CREDIT TO COLOMBIA

FOLLOWING IS FINAL TEXT OF EXPORT-IMPORT BANK RELEASE ON THE
DIRECT CREDIT OF DOLS 825,000 TO AEROVIAS NACIONALES DE
COLOMBIA, S.A. (AVIANCA). RELEASE IS SCHEDULED FOR
ANNOUNCEMENT HERE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR A.M. PAPERS, WEDNES-
DAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1974.

QUOTE: EXIMBANK CREDIT OF DOLS 825,000 SUPPORTS DOLS
2,750,000 SALE OF U.S. USED AIRCRAFT TO COLOMBIA

TO HELP FINANCE A DOLS 2,750,000 SALE OF ONE USED BOEING
727-100 JET AIRCRAFT TO COLOMBIA, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES HAS AUTHORIZED
A DIRECT CREDIT OF DOLS 825,000 TO FINANCE
30 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL U.S. COSTS, ACCORDING TO EXIMBANK'S
CHAIRMAN WILLIAM J. CASEY. A CREDIT OF DOLS 1,650,000 FROM
BANK OF AMERICA WILL FINANCE 60 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL U.S.
COSTS. THE OBLIGOR, AEROVIAS NACIONALES DE COLOMBIA,
S.A. (AVIANCA) OF BOGOTA, WILL MAKE CASH PAYMENT OF THE
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BALANCE OF THE U.S. COSTS OF 10 PERCENT OR DOLS 275,000.

THE AIRCRAFT IS SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY BY PAN AMERICAN
WORLD AIRWAYS, NEW YORK CITY, DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF
1974.

THE LOANS ARE TO BE REPAYED IN 14 SEMIANNUAL INSTALLMENTS
BEGINNING NO LATER THAN APRIL 10, 1975. EXIMBANK'S DIRECT
CREDIT OF DOLS 825,000 WILL BE REPAYED OUT OF THE LAST 5 IN-
STALLMENTS AT AN INTEREST RATE OF 8 PERCENT PER ANNUM, WHICH
WHEN BLENDED WITH THE PORTION OF THE CREDIT FROM THE PARTICI-
PATING COMMERCIAL BANK RESULTS IN AN ESTIMATED INTEREST COST
TO THE BORROWER, BASED ON CURRENT RATES, OF ABOUT 10.5
PERCENT TO 10.75 PERCENT PER ANNUM. REPAYMENT OF EXIMBANK'S
LOAN IS TO BE GUARANTEED BY THE BANK OF AMERICA
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